



Pallbearers

Chris Mitchem
Ali Tahir
Corcy Smith

Earnest Porter
Anthony Hardimon
Todd Fize

*Honorary Pallbearers
"Grandsons"*

Kinnith Jones
Ri Cardel Wilson
Zachary Brown
Christopher Thompson
Dmitri Thompson
Gerald Mosley

Xavier Wilson
Jeremiah Brown
Aric Brown
Ezra Seward
Taurean Smith
Delvin Mosley

Flower Bearers

Christie Johnson
Cathy Wade
Debra Burris

Nikeshia Wilson
Racquel Thompson
Barbara Willis

*Honorary Flower Bearers
"Granddaughters"*

Tameika Gaines
DiAndria Smith
Camrielle Wilson
Kionna Smith
Madelyne Silva

Triniti Gaines
Jadeyn Seward
Nichole Gaines
Sidnee Gaines
Sarah Brown

Marquita Frazier

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12813 NE 50th Street
Spencer, Oklahoma

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seatbelts.

Acknowledgement

The family of Deacon Ezra Brown extends our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and care during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, telephone calls, cards, flowers, and other expressions of kindness have strengthened us during our loss. May God's blessings be upon each of you.

Thank you to Voice of Hope for opening the church doors to our family, Pastor Dominic Winn and the church for their support, and neighbors Roberta Swanegan, Norris Wilson, and Nikki Nice for always watching out for our beloved father. We extend a special "thank you" to Kim Richardson and The Home Away from Home Day Center for Veterans.

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Celebrating The Life & Legacy of



DEACON
EZRA *Leon*
BROWN

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
Voice of Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church
3300 NE 23rd, OKC, OK 73121
Terrell McCoy, Pastor

Life Reflections

*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord,
and he delighteth in his way. Psalms 37:23.*

Deacon Ezra Leon Brown, fondly known as "Leon", was born in Edna, Oklahoma, to Roosevelt and Leola Brown on August 17, 1939. He was one of 10 children. He attended L'ouverture High School in Beggs, Oklahoma, and Slick Public Schools. He entered the U.S. Army after high school. After being honorably discharged, he moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked as a brick mason and operated his own service station.

In 1967 Leon married the love of his life, Gider Jean. To this union, God blessed seven beautiful children that would unite into one blended family. A short while later, Leon opened his own masonry business and became a widely respected and sought-after business owner in the community. Some of his notable projects include the Millwood auditorium, the Centennial Highway, the Clinton Post Office, and the MLK Recreational Center.

Upon his passing, he was a long-time member of Voice of Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church, where he served as a faithful deacon and also served in other capacities in the church.

Leon's favorite hobbies were racing cars, golfing, skiing, gardening, playing dominoes, and watching sports. He especially enjoyed fishing with his long-time friend Willie Fize and loved spending time with his classmate and army buddy, Glen Pitre. He supported his children and grandchildren by attending programs and sporting events.

Leon was preceded in death by his brother, Noel; his parents, Roosevelt and Leola Brown; his brother, Marvin; and his wife, Jean.

The Lord called Leon home early on the morning of January 21, 2023. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Debra Jones Thompson, Lorana Wilson Davis (James, deceased), Cassandra Seward (Roland), and Sherry Smith (Shawn), all of Oklahoma City; sons, Craig Wilson (Del Freda) of Oklahoma City, Christopher Wilson (LaTonya) of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Anthony Brown of Fairview Heights, Illinois. He also leaves to cherish his loving memory his brothers Olice (Joyce) of Bristow, Oklahoma, Burley (Cynthia) of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Howard (Vanessa) of Oklahoma City, Jan (Andrea) of DeSoto, Texas; his sisters Marion Blum (Stephen) of Napa, California, Eileen Brown of Los Angeles, California, Camellia Johnson (Carl) of Bristow, Oklahoma, and sister-in-law Evelyn Brown of Littleton, Colorado. Leon leaves 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.



If Tears Could Build a Stairway

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane. I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again. No farewell words were spoken. No time to say "Goodbye". You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why. My heart still aches with sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to love you, no one can ever know. But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more; To remember all the happy times, life still has much in store. Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today a hollowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.



Order of Service

Processional

Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Musical Selection

Trinity Gaines

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ~ Elder Jan Brown
New Testament ~ Elder Carl Johnson

Prayer

Elder Juan Price

Musical Selection

Twila Ellis-Calhoun

Resolution and Acknowledgment

Councilwoman, Nikki Nice

Obituary

Read In Silence

Special Remarks

(limit to two minutes)

Musical Selection

Twila Ellis-Calhoun

Eulogy

Elder Terrell McCoy

Life Reflections Video

Presentation of Military Honors

Parting View

Recessional

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